

Independence Gossip.

104 miles southeast of Liberal.
After a long, long absence we will again take our accustomed place in the columns of the Democrat.

What we need is rain and then some more rain.

Several of the farmers are harvesting this week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hall-burton, June 23rd, a son.

A number of the neighbors ate ice cream at G. W. Rennick's Sunday night.

The ice cream social at Sunshine Saturday night was well attended and a good time is reported. Bro. M. M. Maricle preached at Eureka and at Independence Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Casady and daughter Ruth, who have been visiting at G. W. Rennick's, left Sunday night for their home at Mulvane, Kansas. Mrs. Casady and Mrs. Rennick are sisters. Miss Hazel Brown who had been attending normal at Beaver returned home last Thursday.

Lilly Clevenger spent Sunday with Ruth Casady.

David McNew called at Wm. Davis' Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt went plumming Saturday.

A number from this vicinity went to the Donaldson ranch after grapes. All got plenty of grapes and all had a good time.

Lee Casady and Guy Brown are in Kansas harvesting.

Mrs. Casady and G. W. Rennick and daughter Opal attended the commencement exercises at Beaver Friday night. The program was fine.

Any kind of a town lot you may desire can be found at Ellsaesser & Henry's office.

Ethelton Items.

128 miles northwest of Liberal.

P. H. Day and family, John and Leonard Day and Mrs. E. V. Allen took Sunday dinner with C. D. Day and wife.

Miss McElhinney of the Toluca neighborhood came down last week to stay with Mrs. Vandever until her husband returns from the harvest fields.

W. E. Ogborn went to Liberal last week to freight out more supplies for his grocery store.

Mrs. Ether Frye and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Will Worford.

Earl Davis and family are down in the O'Brien neighborhood helping their relatives with their harvesting.

O. K. Pearce and family spent Sunday at Irvin Ogborn's.

Bro. Overton of Plains filled Bro. McNeil's appointment here last Sunday. Bro. McNeil had gone to his home in Pratt county to spend the Fourth.

Mrs. C. D. Day, Mrs. E. V. Allen and Miss Ruby Day called on Mrs. Ridenour Tuesday afternoon of last week.

The Day Bros. began cutting Ether Frye's wheat Monday afternoon.

Miss Audry Hoyt who has been staying with Mrs. Will Warford returned home on Wednesday of last week.

Miss Mabel Hickman of New Mexico visited her parents and other relatives in this vicinity last week.

C. S. Brown has returned from the harvest fields.

It is still quite dry in this locality and the groshoppers are doing considerable damage.

A. P. Ridenour made a business trip to Liberal last week.

Southern Missouri farms for sale or trade. Farmer Bros. Liberal Kansas.

We are glad to welcome Independence to our correspondence columns again. If your community is not represented, come and get stationery and give us the items from your neighborhood. If you haven't time, induce some one else to take up the work. We want to hear from every school district or settlement in Seward county and those in Stevens and Beaver counties who are near enough.

For Sale.

Modern 5 roomed house, close in, will take mortgage on land or other approved security. Address G. 24, care of Democrat.

Foley's Honey and Tar Compound.

Is effective for coughs and colds in either children or grown persons. No opiates, no harmful drugs. In the yellow package. Refuse substitutes. For sale by all druggists.

Market

PRODUCE—(furnished by Liberal Cold Storage Co.)

Hens, under 3 1/2 pounds, . . . 06c
Broilers, 1 1/2 to 2 lbs. . . . 13c
Ducks, F. F. F. lb. . . . 4c
Geese, F. F. F. lb. . . . 3c
Guineas, each. . . . 15c
Young Turkeys, fat, . . . 08c
Old Roosters per lb. . . . 03c
Butter, Packing Stock, . . . 10c
Eggs, per dozen . . . 06c
Fries . . . 11c each

GRAIN

No. 2 Hard Wheat. . . . 75c
Corn . . . 45c
Maize, per cwt. . . . 70c
Kaffir Corn, per cwt. . . . 70c

Broomcorn

There were six cars of broomcorn shipped last week, making a total of 771 cars this season. A little brush will be brought in in the next few days according to buyers here. A letter from the district around Mattoon, Ill., says that the acreage there is larger than usual and the crop ranges from one to eighteen inches in height. The buyers have spent considerable time in the country tributary to Liberal the past week, and report the crop here in excellent shape. The acreage in Beaver county is said to be larger than last year, and it is in better shape than last year at this time. There is much prospecting now as to the price the market here will open on next fall. Estimates from the men who are more closely in touch with the situation range from \$90 to \$135 for the first good brush. The condition of the crop in the next thirty days will probably have considerable effect on the market.

Eureka Items.

8 miles south and 3 miles west of Liberal.

We are still having very hot weather.

Mr. Shaffer, father of Mrs. Ed. Hudkins, returned Sunday from eastern Oklahoma, where he has been visiting with another daughter for several weeks past.

Miss Oma Keeler, who taught the Eureka school last year, has again accepted our school. Miss Oma left Friday for an extended visit in eastern Kansas and northern Missouri.

Mrs. Morehouse and daughter, Mrs. Kall, were in Liberal Saturday.

Little Leah and Paul Capps, who have been staying with their grandmother, Mrs. S. A. Capps, for several weeks past, returned to their home in Liberal Saturday.

Eureka people turned out well and celebrated the Fourth. Everyone was well pleased with the way Liberal entertained. The celebration was a great success.

A fair audience listened to Bro. Maricle's sermon at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Sunday School followed the preaching service. Much interest was taken in the lesson. The teachers met to study the next lesson at G. A. Kall's Sunday evening.

Mrs. Morehouse and daughter Lovica took dinner at Ed. Hudkins' last Sunday.

Sidney Capps is working at the Keating tin shop in Liberal.

G. A. Kall and family took dinner at the C. E. Morehouse home Wednesday.

Blocks! Blocks!!
Cement Blocks
W. H. Crackel & Son
Manufacturers
Phone 3251
Liberal, Kansas

Lost

A plain gold bar pin on the streets of Liberal on July 4th. Finder please return to this office and receive reward.

For Rent

Two houses on Sherman Ave. Minnie J. Grinstead.

Regular Services

Regular services will be held at the Christian Church next Sunday. The pastor will preach as usual. Men are invited to leave their coats at home or take them off during the service.

Breakfast for Mrs. Pitts.

One of the very pleasant affairs of the hot weather season was the breakfast given by Mrs. L. W. Stevesson on the morning of July Fourth for Mrs. Pitts of Hutchinson. The tables were daintily decorated in the national colors, the place cards being firecrackers. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Yocum, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cavannah, Mr. and Mrs. Stouffer, Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Summers, Mrs. Pitts of Hutchinson Mr. Dan Henry of Hutchinson and Eugene and Margaret Stouffer.

The death of Eugene F. Ware marks the passing of a Kansan of national fame, since his verse, signed with the name "Ironquill" is read everywhere, and his political service as pension commissioner under Roosevelt made him friends in every state in the union. Mr. Ware was at his summer home in Cascade, Colorado, where he has spent several summers, and had just returned from calling at the home of L. A. Bigger, of Hutchinson, when he was stricken with the attack of heart disease that ended his life in a few moments. He had but mounted the steps of his porch when he was overcome by giddiness, and when he reached his room, fell back dead. Mr. Bigger is accompanying the remains to Kansas City, Kansas and will go to Fort Scott, where interment is to be made.

Cake Sale

The young ladies of the Presbyterian Church will hold a cake sale at the Star Grocery on Saturday afternoon, July 8. The sale will start at 1:30 p. m. Phone your orders early to No. 7.

We have some fine snaps in town lots. Payment plan. Ellsaesser & Henry's.

"Made to walk on" is what the manufacturers say of Campbell's Varnish Stains for staining and varnishing Floors. Woodwork and Furniture. Well, if they will stand being walked upon, they must be made from a varnish that is alright. Why not try a can? For sale by Chas. Taylor & Co.

Foley's Kidney Pills are composed of ingredients specially selected for their corrective, heating, tonic and stimulating effect upon the kidneys, bladder and urinary passages. For Sale by All Druggists

Start a Home Now
and Join the Ranks
of the Independents

Never has it been easier to build than right now—money is plentiful and is seeking legitimate channels. And there is no enterprise more worthy than home-building. It opens the purse strings of the banker quicker than anything else, because it means that you have decided to become a part of the community in which you live. Thus almost before you start you find the ownership of a home carries a significance. Start it today—you'll be glad if you do and sorry if you don't. When you're ready to talk lumber we'll be waiting for you, because we have just the lumber you will need, besides a lot of suggestions that may be helpful to you—without any extra charge.

Star Lumber Co.

KEEP COOL
At Our Soda Fountain
You will appreciate our 'Delicious' Ice Cream, our quick service, and our sparkling Soda Water.
Watch our Automatic Electric Carbonator and our Cyclone Drink Mixer working. Two devices that go to make a complete soda fountain.
When you think of a soda fountain think of
Taylor's Drug Store
"The Coolest Place in Town"

FLOUR **GROCERIES**
For the best in Flour
BUY
"Old Homestead"
And
"Pride of Liberal"
At The
CENTRAL GROCERY CO.
PHONE 151
COAL **FEED**

HAPGOOD'S LESSON

By DON SEYMOUR

Bessie sat staring at the advertisements let into the panels above the car windows with eyes that were filled with tears. The quarrel had come, just as everyone said it would.

There were many things about Brace Hapgood that were very winning, but from the cradle he had been the pampered child of an indulgent mother, and had come to regard the whole world as being created for his especial comfort.

In the early days of the engagement he had deferred to Bess, but once the solitary argued authority he had gradually commenced the process of training that was to fit her for the position of his wife.

Meek, loving little Bess stood it as long as she could, but this afternoon, coming from the Templeton's tea, he had scolded her all the way down the street. As they were waiting for the car, she slipped off her ring.

"You had better take this," she said, in a choked little voice. "I don't think that I—I want to marry you, Brace. I don't want to be scolded for every little fault."

"I'm not scolding," he said, crossly, as he slipped the ring into his pocket. "I'm simply trying to show you the right way. There must be one head to a household. We can't both rule."

"I don't want to rule," she protested, "but I don't want to be ruled with a rod of iron."

"So you think I'm domineering," he said, sharply. "If I did not care for you I would not try to set you right."

"I don't want to be set right," she wailed. "I just want to be left in peace. Please go. I can get home very well alone."

"I am going to take you home," he said, decidedly. "This rowing in public is disgraceful, but I'm going to see that you get safely home."

He followed her aboard the car, but remained outside to smoke a ci-



gar, while she stared at the advertisements with unseeing eyes and grieved over her lost ideal.

Presently Hapgood finished his cigar and entered the car, taking a seat beside the girl. He spoke to her sharply and imperiously, but she did not answer and with a growing irritation he spoke again. He did not bridle his tongue, and presently the blue eyes overflowed and two tears rolled down her cheeks.

Over in the opposite corner a burly workman rose slowly and signaled the conductor to stop. The car came to a halt and the conductor threw the doors open with an injunction to step lively.

The Irishman took a firm grip on Hapgood's collar. "These dom duds do be the divvil, miss," he said, sympathetically, as he lifted Hapgood from the seat with a mighty jerk.

"I am with this lady," spluttered Hapgood. "Let go of me, you scoundrel."

The man looked at Bess inquiringly. She half rose in her seat, and then shook her head. The Irishman tightened his grip and jerked Hapgood off the car platform.

Scarcely knowing whether to laugh or cry, Bess rode on to her destination, but once, in her own room she solved the problem by electing to cry. She was really fond of Brace, and she could not decide whether she was more sorry for the broken engagement or her action in turning him over to the tender mer-

cies of her self-constituted champion.

It was after eight when a servant tapped on the door with his card. It bore a penciled note asking for a few moments and after a little hesitation she decided to see him.

She was shocked when she entered the parlor and Brace rose to greet her. One eye was blackened, his lip was split and there was a heavy bruise over one cheek bone. His smile was the mockery of mirth, but he grinned amiably and held out the ring.

"I know I don't deserve it," he said, humbly, "but will you take back the ring, dear? I think I've learned my lesson. It's a pity I did not have it years ago. It would have done me good."

"Was there a fight?" she cried in dismay. Brace shook his head with that mockery of a smile.

"There was no fight," he assured sadly. "Your—er—friend took me into a coal yard just below the corner of the street where we alighted and gave me one first-class thrashing for mashing."

"But you were not flirting," she exclaimed.

"Your friend was not the sort of chap who draws fine distinctions," he reminded. "In fact, I sought to explain that I was not a masher, but that we were engaged and there had been a row."

"And he was sorry then," she cried.

"No," assured Brace, "I was. You see he thrashed me all over again for being unkind to my sweetheart."

"Why didn't you have him arrested?" she cried, indignantly. "It was an outrage."

"Quite the contrary," said Brace, "I thanked him. We parted good friends. It was on his advice that I came up here to ask for another chance. He gave me his address and told me to tell you that if I 'got gay' again to send for him. With the muscular Mr. Murphy hovering in the background, are you willing to give me another chance, Bess?"

"I—I think," she faltered, "that I should like to have Mr. Murphy come to the wedding," and she held up her finger to receive the ring again.

It was plain to be seen that Hapgood had had his lesson.

RURAL CARRIER'S MANY MILES.

Henry Crowwell, for more than six years a rural mail carrier of this city, has just replaced his old mail wagon with a new one. The old wagon probably holds the record in Kansas for service.

Mr. Crowwell makes 30 miles a day and has made 300 trips each year, giving the old vehicle a record of more than 60,000 miles in the six years and ten months it was in service, a distance more than twice around the globe. The wheels and tires on the wagon when it was thrown away were the same as purchased with the wagon when it was new.—Lincoln correspondence Topeka Capital.

HIS WARTIME CIGARS.

Joseph Martin, a farmer of the Leitersburg district, recently presented to his employe, Fred Hartman, a black cigar which he has had in his possession since July 4, 1863.

Hartman tasted the ancient brand and decided it was all right. Hartman's verdict satisfied Martin that he had made a good bargain when the cigar, together with another like it and \$15 in cash came into his possession in return for a horse. The deal was made with a confederate soldier on the retreat from Gettysburg. Mr. Martin will keep the other cigar for another of his discriminating friends.—Philadelphia North American.

MAINE CENSUS NOTE.

One of the few double four generation families in Maine is the Groves-Gage family. The youngest member is Paul Holmes, one year old. He has two great-grandmothers, a grandfather and a grandmother on his mother's side. One of the great-grandmothers, Mrs. Naomi Groves, is eighty years old. The grandfather is George Alonzo Groves, a famous Maine guide. The second great-grandmother is Mrs. Clara Gage. The grandmother is Mrs. Eliza Groves, daughter of Mrs. Gage. The members of this family all live in Smithfield in one house. Their aggregate age is 281 years.—Portland (Me.) Press.